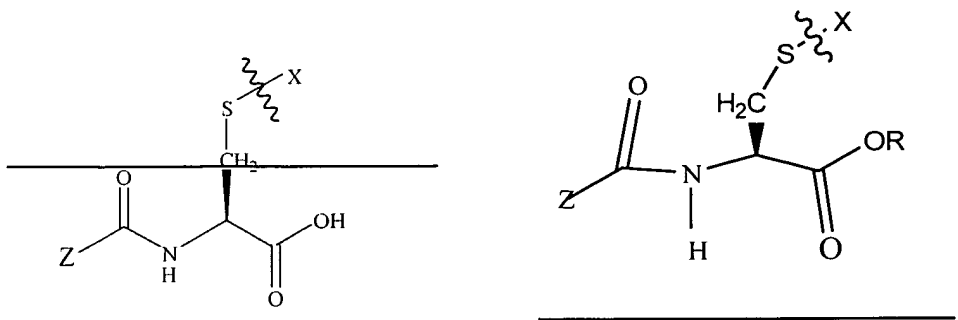
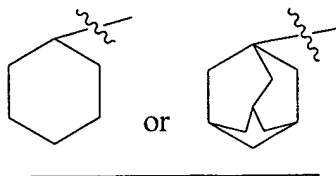


In the claims:

1. Canceled.
2. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein said formula is:



3. (original)The compound according to claim 2 wherein X is R^d, R^e or R^f.
4. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein R² or R⁴ is isobutenyl.
5. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where X is R^a.
6. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where X is R^b.
7. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where X is R^c.
8. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where X is R^d.
9. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where X is R^e.
10. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where X is R^f.
11. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where X is R^g.
12. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 where R¹, R², R³, R⁴ or R⁵ is ~~an isobutenyl~~ a methyl group.
13. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein Z is CH₃ or



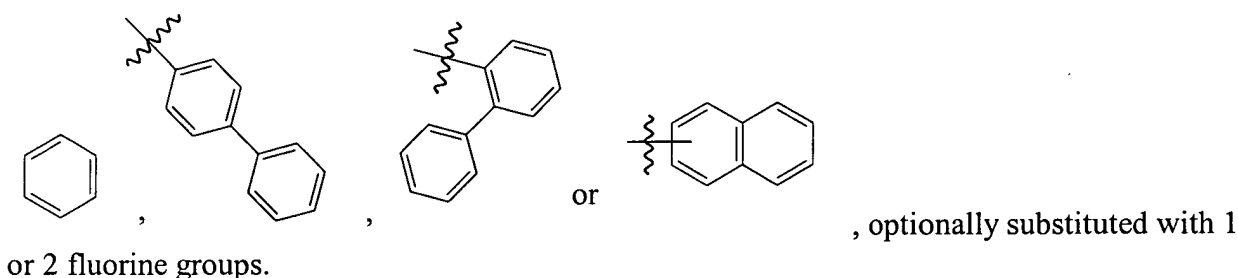
14. Cancelled.

15. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein Z is a biphenyl group.

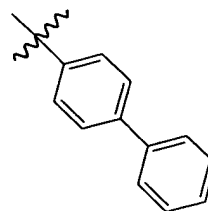
16. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein R is H or CH₃.

17. (currently amended) A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound according to claim ~~14~~ 40.

18. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein AR is



19. (original) The compound according to claim 18 wherein AR is



20. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein R is a C₁-C₁₈ alkyl group.

21. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein R² or R⁴ is isobutenyl.

22. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40 optionally in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

23. (currently amended) A method for treating ~~neoplasia~~ cancer in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40.

24. (original) The method according to claim 23 wherein said ~~neoplasia~~ cancer is a tumor.

25. Canceled.

26. (currently amended) A method for treating a patient in need thereof for a disease or condition selected from the group consisting of hyperproliferative cell growth, restenosis following cardiovascular surgery, hyperplasia and chronic inflammatory diseases comprising administering to said patient suffering from said disease an effective amount of a compound according to claim ~~1~~ 40.

27. (original) The method according to claim 26 wherein said hyperproliferative cell growth disease or condition is hyperkeratosis, keratoderma, lichen, planus, psoriasis, warts or blisters.

28. (original) The method according to claim 27 wherein said hyperkeratosis is ichthyosis.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26 wherein said hyperproliferative cell growth disease or condition is psoriasis.

30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 27 wherein said warts are genital warts.

31. (original) The method according to claim 26 wherein said hyperplasia is cystic hyperplasia, nodular hyperplasia of the prostate or renal hyperplasia.

32. (original) The method according to claim 31 wherein said cystic hyperplasia is cystic hyperplasia of the breast.

33. (currently amended) A method for treating chronic inflammatory disease comprising administering to a patient in need of therapy an effective amount of a compound according claim ~~1~~ 40.

34. (original) The method according to claim 33 wherein said chronic inflammatory disease is rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis.

35. (currently amended) A method of inhibiting isoprenylcysteine methyltransferase enzyme comprising exposing said enzyme to an effective amount of a compound according to claim + 40.

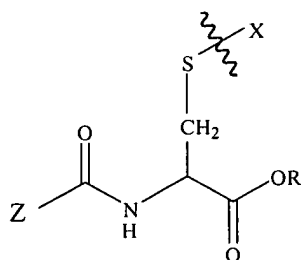
36. (currently amended) A method of inhibiting isoprenyl cysteine methyltransferase enzyme in a patient in order to treat a disease or condition modulated by said enzyme comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according claim + 40

37-38. (cancelled).

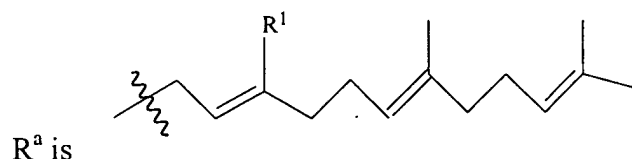
39. (currently amended) The method according to claim 23 wherein said ~~neoplasia~~ cancer is a cancer of the stomach, colon, rectal, liver, pancreatic, lung, breast, cervix uteri, corpus uteri, ovary, prostate, testis, bladder, renal, brain/cns, head and neck, throat, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma, melanoma, acute lymphocytic leukemia, acute myogenous leukemia, Ewings Sarcoma, small cell lung cancer, choriocarcinoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, Wilms Tumor, neuroblastoma, hairy cell leukemia, mouth/pharynx, oesophagus, larynx, melanoma or kidney.

Please add the following new claims:

40. (New) A compound according to the formula:

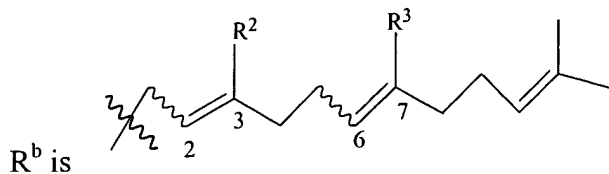


where X is selected from the group consisting of R^a, R^b, R^c, R^d, R^e, R^f and R^g;

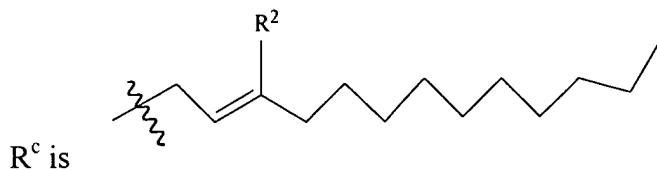


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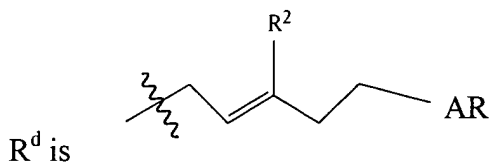
where R¹ is an isobutylene group;



where R² and R³ are independently a C₁-C₅ linear or branched-chain alkyl or alkene group;

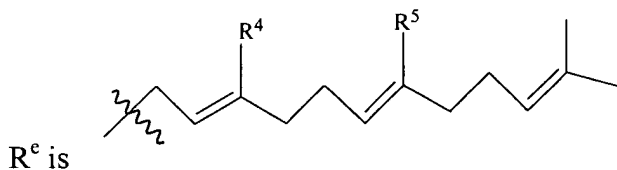


where R² is the same as above;

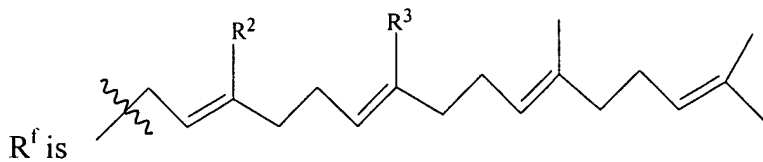


where R² is the same as above and wherein said AR

group is a phenyl, naphthyl, para or ortho substituted biphenyl group;

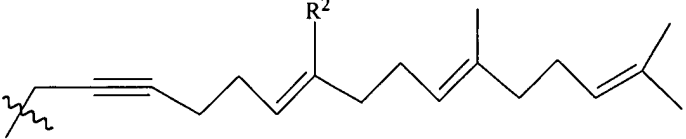


, where R⁴ is a C₁-C₅ linear or branch-chained alkyl or alkene group, allyl or homoallyl group and R⁵ is a C₁-C₅ linear or branch-chained alkyl or alkene group;

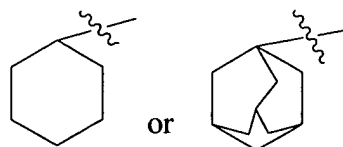


, where R² and R³ are the same

as is set forth above,

R^g is  where R^2 is the same as is set forth above;

Z is a C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or alkylene group, or a group according to the structure

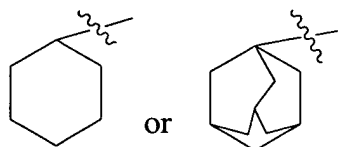


wherein each of said groups may be optionally substituted with one or more halogen groups;

R is H or a C_1 - C_{18} alkyl group; and

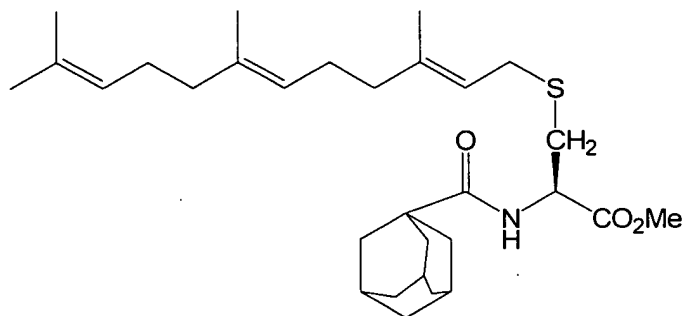
pharmaceutically acceptable salts, anomers, solvates and polymorphs, thereof.

41. (New) The compound according to claim 40 wherein Z is a group according to the structure:



wherein each of said groups is optionally substituted with one or two fluorine groups.

42. (New) The compound according to claim 40 according to the chemical structure:



43. (New) The compound according to claim 40 wherein R is H or CH_3 .